DISTRICT CLERK CASE SUMMARY **CASE NO. 37801** Jasper N. Long vs. Faenas Transport, LLC Location: District Clerk Filed on: 01/22/2019 § § CASE INFORMATION Case Type: Civil Case - Other **CASE ASSIGNMENT** DATE **Current Case Assignment** Case Number 37801 District Clerk Court 01/22/2019 Date Assigned **PARTY INFORMATION** Lead Attorneys Plaintiff STOVER, SCOTT W. Long, Jasper N. Retained 409-384-3463(W) Defendant Faenas Transport, LLC DATE **EVENTS & ORDERS OF THE COURT** INDEX 01/22/2019 CITATION BY CERTIFIED MAIL Party: Defendant Faenas Transport, LLC 01/22/2019 Citation Faenas Transport, LLC Returned Unserved 03/26/2019 01/22/2019 占 Original Petition (OCA) Plaintiff's Original Petition **CITATION** 01/24/2019 Party: Defendant Faenas Transport, LLC 2ND ISSUANCE; EMAILED TO KIM/SCOTT - CB Citation 01/24/2019 Faenas Transport, LLC Unserved REQUEST 01/24/2019 Request for Issuance of Service 04/18/2019 AMENDED Plaintiff's First Amended Petition filed by Scott Stover (local atty) & Dana K Martin-kf **FINANCIAL INFORMATION** DATE Plaintiff Long, Jasper N. 440.00 Total Charges 440,00 Total Payments and Credits Balance Due as of 4/24/2019 0.00

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1. Pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, discovery shall be conducted in accordance with Tex. R. Civ. P. 190.3 (Level 2).

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3. Defendant, FAENAS Transport, LLC. (hereafter "Defendant" or "FAENAS"), was and now is a Utah corporation, or similar entity, offering interstate trucking services with authority to sue and be sued, which regularly operates in Texas as a common carrier and interstate trucker. FAENAS does not maintain a regular place of business in Texas, and does not maintain a designated agent on whom service may be made. Thus, FAENAS may be served under the Texas Long Arm Statute, through its Utah home office at: 4436 South Orleans Way, West Valley City, UT 84120.

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- 5. Jasper County is the proper venue for this action, pursuant to the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, Section 15.002(a)(3) et seq., because the incident related to the loss in question occurred in Jasper County, Texas.

V.

APPLICABLE FACTS AND CAUSES OF ACTION

6. At all times relevant to the occurrence in question, Defendant FAENAS, including its drivers, agents, servants and employees, operated an interstate trucking business, with a responsibility to those which encountered its vehicles to observe all State, Federal and local traffic regulations, and to observe their surrounding as to avoid incidents which might cause damage to life and property. As an operator of heavy overland transport trucks, FAENAS had a duty to exercise reasonable care to the public it encounters to avoid foreseeable risk of injury to others, and to property, at any facility

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- 9. The damages sustained by Plaintiff are a direct and proximate result of the negligent acts and/or omissions of Defendant FAENAS.
- 10. As a direct result of the above-stated negligence, Plaintiff has sustained \$607,942.00 or more in damages which were proximately caused by the negligent actions and/or omissions of Defendant

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12. Plaintiff owned or had a lawful right to possess real property, specifically his warehouse. Defendant trespassed and caused a light pole or line to trespass into Plaintiff's warehouse, and the trespass Defendant caused resulted in injury to Plaintiff's right of possession.

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13. In the alternative, and without waiving the above causes of action, Plaintiff pleads that the conduct of Defendant FAENAS constitutes gross negligence or conscious indifference. Defendant's actions involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to others. Defendant FAENAS had actual subjective awareness of the risk involved (see factors listed in paragraphs above), but nevertheless proceeded with conscious indifference to the rights, safety and welfare of others. Furthermore, in violation of Texas "rules of the road" and statues requiring reporting of an accident, FAENAS's truck driver departed the scene without reporting the accident, preventing proper notification efforts, which might have prevented or

ameliorated the damage caused by the fire, which consumed Plaintiff's warehouse. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to recovery of exemplary or punitive damages as allowed by law.

IX.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT SATISFIED

14. Plaintiff has performed all conditions precedent necessary to allow recovery.

X.

DAMAGES

15. By reason of these premises, Plaintiff has sustained actual damages, as nearly as same can now be estimated, no part of which has been paid although duly demanded, in the amount of \$607,942.00 for which Plaintiff, Jasper Long's claims relief from Defendant FAENAS. Plaintiff also seeks exemplary or punitive damages (as allowed by law), prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest, and all costs of court through trial and any appeals.

XI.

CLAIM FOR PREJUDGMENT INTEREST

16. Plaintiff is also entitled to prejudgment interest from July 22, 20198, at the prejudgment rate of interest established by Texas law.

XII.

REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

17. Under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, Plaintiffs request that Defendant disclose, within 50 days of the service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

XIII.

<u>PRAYER</u>

18. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that this Court issue a summons to the Defendant, requiring them to appear, and that this Court award judgment to Plaintiff, and against Defendant, including damages of \$607,942.00, pre-judgment interest, exemplary or punitive damages as allowed by law, post-judgment interest, costs of court, and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may show itself to be justly entitled.

Dated this 221st day of January 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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VIII.

GROSS NEGLIGENCE

13. In the alternative, and without waiving the above causes of action, Plaintiff pleads that the conduct of Defendant FAENAS constitutes gross negligence or conscious indifference. Defendant's actions involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of the potential harm to others. Defendant FAENAS had actual subjective awareness of the risk involved (see factors listed in paragraphs above), but nevertheless proceeded with conscious indifference to the rights, safety and welfare of others. Furthermore, in violation of Texas "rules of the road" and statues requiring reporting of an accident, FAENAS's truck driver departed the scene without reporting the accident, preventing proper notification efforts, which might have prevented or

ameliorated the damage caused by the fire, which consumed Plaintiff's warehouse. As such, Plaintiff is entitled to recovery of exemplary or punitive damages as allowed by law.

IX.

CONDITIONS PRECEDENT SATISFIED

14. Plaintiff has performed all conditions precedent necessary to allow recovery.

X.

DAMAGES

By reason of these premises, Plaintiff has sustained actual damages, as nearly as same can now be estimated, no part of which has been paid although duly demanded, in the amount of \$607,942.00 for which Plaintiff, Jasper Long's claims relief from Defendant FAENAS. Plaintiff also seeks exemplary or punitive damages (as allowed by law), prejudgment interest, post-judgment interest, and all costs of court through trial and any appeals.

XI.

CLAIM FOR PREJUDGMENT INTEREST

16. Plaintiff is also entitled to prejudgment interest from July 22, 2018, at the prejudgment rate of interest established by Texas law.

XII.

REQUESTS FOR DISCLOSURE

17. Under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, Plaintiffs request that Defendant disclose, within 50 days of the service of this request, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

XIII.

PRAYER

18. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Plaintiff prays that this Court issue a summons to the Defendant, requiring them to appear, and that this Court award judgment to Plaintiff, and against Defendant, including damages of \$607,942.00, pre-judgment interest, exemplary or punitive damages as allowed by law, post-judgment interest, costs of court, and such other and further relief to which Plaintiff may show itself to be justly entitled.

Dated this 22st day of January 2019.

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